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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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SUBJ: D.N. PRONSKIY REPLACED AS FOREIGN RELATIONS CHIEF AT STATE
COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. RECENT BUSINESS VISITOR ADVISED COMMATT THAT D.N. PRONSKIY,
LONG-TIME CHIEF OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY'S
FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, HAS BEEN REPLACED BY YE. S. YASTREBOV.
ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, PRONSKIY HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE SOVIET
MISSION IN GENEVA, BUT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES THERE WERE NOT SPECIFIED.
U.S. BUSINESSMAN WHO PASSED ON THIS INFORMATION SAID HE HAD IMPRESSIO
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THAT ASSIGNMENT TO GENEVA REPRESENTED DEFINITE STEP DOWN FOR PRONSKIY
.
ACCORDING TO BUSINESSMAN, YASTREBOV HAS SERVED FOR A LENGTHY
PERIOD IN TOKYO, KNOWS JAPANESE (AMONG OTHER LANGUAGES) AND IN QUITE
AN EXPERT ON JAPAN.

2. PARTIAL CONFIRMATION OF THIS REPORT WAS PROVIDED BY PROTOCOL
LIST PREPARED BY USSR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY FOR UPCOMING
INTERORGTEKHNIKA-75 EXHIBITION. THIS LIST SHOWS YASTREBOV AS
"ACTING" CHIEF OF SCST'S FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT.

3. COMMENT: DURING LATE 1960'S WHEN STATE
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COMMITTEE'S PROGRAM OF DEVELOPING CONTACTS WITH WESTERN COMPANIES

WAS GETTING UNDERWAY, PRONSKIY PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE, PARTICULARLY
IN CASE OF CONTROL DATA AND OTHER COMPUTER COMPANIES. IN RECENT
YEARS, HE HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT LESS VISIBLE AS FAR AS U.S. COMPANIES
CONCERNED, AS E.A. AYKAZYAN EMERGED
AS MAJOR WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIAL IN CONTACTS WITH U.S. FIRMS.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY TOKYO MIGHT
BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ON YASTREBOV.
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